

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Wendy from Meadow Ridge sent the following comment: ***Dear Chief Jenks, Next Saturday is September 11. I am sure you won't forget this horrible day in our history, but some people might. I wanted to send you this note to thank our Police Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Personnel for the tough job that they do. When we need their help, they always come.....God Bless you all!***

Hello Wendy, thank you for remembering and I will pass along your thanks to the City of Anna's Police, Fire, and EMS personnel by printing your Email in the Ask the Chief column in this week's paper.

As I reflect on the events of September 11, 2001, I am reminded of the bravery and professionalism that the Nation's First Responders exhibit on a daily basis in this country. Please take a moment to reflect on the following facts regarding our EMS, Police and Fire professionals on 9/11:

- In 2001, during the 17-minute period between 8:46 and 9:03 A.M. on September 11, New York City and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had mobilized the largest domestic rescue operation in history as well **over a thousand first responders** had been deployed, an evacuation had begun, and the critical decision that the fire could not be fought had been made. Then the second plane hit. Another alarm was sounded sending more brave men and women, mostly volunteers, into danger.
- While there to help the people trapped in the buildings, the buildings collapsed on the responders. FDNY lost 343 fire rescue personnel; the Port Authority PD lost 37; and the NYPD lost 23.

I echo Wendy's sentiments: "God Bless them all!"

**Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)**

First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

**\*Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

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